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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Gabriele LUALDI

Application No.: 10/627,686

Filed: July 28, 2003

For: FEMORAL PROSTHESIS FOR HIP ARTICULATION

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF RESPONSE PERIOD**  
**UNDER 35 U.S.C. §41(a)(8)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Petition is hereby made to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the period for response to the Final Rejection mailed January 6, 2006 and Advisory Action mailed April 25, 2006, for one month, so as to expire May 6, 2006.

Submitted herewith is our Check No. 43388 inclusive of the amount of \$60.00 in payment for:

- ☒ Extension for response filed within first month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and §1.17(a)(1) [\$120.00 (\$60.00, if qualified small entity)].
- ☐ Extension for response filed within second month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and §1.17(a)(2) [\$450.00 (\$225.00, if qualified small entity)].
- ☐ Extension for response filed within third month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and §1.17(a)(3). [\$1020.00 (\$510.00, if qualified small entity)].
- ☐ Extension for response filed within fourth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and §1.17(a)(4). [\$1590.00 (\$795.00, if qualified small entity)].

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 19-4375.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 5, 2006

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